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SKY SCRAPER

Plans Under Way For Fine New Structure at Main and State Streets.

BUILDING WILL BE COMMENCED SOON

First - Bridgeport Institution Will Be Housed on Ground Floor.

MANY OFFICES IN

Site of New Structure Includes Location of Historic "Ghost Show."

In preparation for the new building which the First Bridgeport National will erect at the southeast corbank will erect at the southeast cor-her of Main and State streets, the de-molition of the buildings in State street from 109 to 129 has begun. The roofs and top stories of what were once three-story brick buildings in the section mentioned, have already been torn off. The work was halted today because of the storm but will be resumed as soon as the weather parmits.

it is the intention of the directors It is the intention of the directors of the First-Bridgeport National bank to erect on this site a handsome bank and office building. Although plans are not yet complete the building will brobably be ten stories in height, the greet floor, and possibly the floor above being used exclusively for bank-

o tenative plans provide for count-rooms, etc., on the ground floor, offices for the president, vice-presidents, directors and other ofe-presidents, directors and other or sers on the floor above. The other ors will be rented as offices. The building will be of marble or units. All offices will have wide ndows and the most modern elevantilistics. tems will be installed. The built on State street which are being adwarderer, Wheeler & Cook, plum David Ginand's cutlers store and nie! P. Keane, austioneer. The seating thank building used by the unmock National bank before that itulion merged with the First-deeport National bank, will also be

new building will have a front-State street of 173 feet and of feet on Main street. On the latter the plant nights for a period of about promphrate it will extend to the store occupied by Edward Sceli, the lior, taking in the store formerly it was admitted however, by Works the factory this morning. street. It is said the price was \$15,000. For the property in street it is said the bank paid

Jacob B. Klein and Elie Lesser, fornerly owned this property. They osen years ago. The price then was aid to be \$12,000. Mr. Dunn was a rominent wholesale deal in cigars ere, and is now in Los Angeles. The demolition of the buildings in the street and the Pequennock bank indiding will remove old land marks on this site. The brownstone build-ing at the corner formerly used by he Pequennock bank was built in 1884 and remodeled about ten years ago. The buildings in State street were will in 1872. For years the late William Bishop conducted an undertaking parlor in one portion of it. Next loor was Cole's Parlor Opera house, where the famous "Ghost Show" was given. This was one of the most liven. This was one of the most liven was liven. This was one of the most liven was liven. This was one of the most liven was liven. This was one of the most liven was liven. This was one of the most liven was liven. The was all the form of the most liven was liven was liven was liven. The was liven was liven was liven was liven was liven was liven was ock bank was built in 1884

hown in this country and its fame trended to all parts of the coun-r. With but little variation the per-rmance was repeated for months in the little theater. Bridgeporters went e little theater. Bridgeporters went see it time after time and in fact eople came from New York and all wer New England to witness the per-

The Parlor Opera house was then iven over to "variety shows," the present day yaueville. Such famous players as Susie and May Irwin appeared there. They here billed as the "Irwin Sisters, erio-comics" and they did a song and ance number in abbreviated skirts.

usle Kirwin, afterward the primahere and Edward C. Smith, who af-arward made a fortune in what is now he Park theater, appeared there with its wife, in a musical act. The team tas known as Smith and Carl. It is said the directors of the bank elleve that some day the proposed

hate street bridge must be built and big pivotal building at the corner rill be a paying investment. Property owners on the other cor-er, Henry J. Seeley, F. Lyman and learge Robertson have long been anx-bus to tear down the old buildings

when the new home of the First-

William Hood Dunwoody, Minneap-

Egypt in 1912 exported onlone to

ANK WILL HAVE SECRET SERVICE MEN HERE ON TRAIL OF COUNTERFEITERS

Warn Police Dept. Against \$5 Bill, Made From Good \$1 Bill.

Hot on the trail of the most dan-gerous and clever hand of counter-feiters that has bothered the govern-ment for years, Agent Charles W. Schroder of the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the Secret Service, was a caller at police headquarters today. His purpose was both the seeking of information and the call-ing of attention to a \$5 bill. credited seeking of information and the calling of attention to a \$5 bill, credited
with being the best imitation of those
turned out by the government mints
that has come to official attention.
For a considerable time he was closeted with Captain of Detectives
George H. Arnold and other attaches
of the detective bureaut. He said that of the detective bureau. He said that over 50 of the bills have been secured in New Jersey and Pennsylvania alone. Many banks have accepted

alone. Many banks have accepted them as genuine.

The bill in question is what is known as "washed," once a \$1 bill but now retouched and the subject of additional photo engraving. It is genuine bill paper, but shows the fiber to appear on the surface instead of being woven in. They are of the series of E 67 and all contain some combination of the numbers, 1, 2, 3, 7, 6, 1 with a check number of C 1509. The number on the rear of the plate is \$6. Offe of the most noticeable differences between the bill and the genuine "fiver" is found on the seal in s the lines are noted as curv-

od by the use of a reading glass.

The bills are much limper than the original on account of the bleaching process. They all have the Indian heads, but another difference is noted in this detail. The original Indian head should be dark while on the or agents.

This difference can be easily not the page of city-employed snow shovellers will start out for the designated points. The men will work with the city responsible for their pay but planning to collect said pay from the negligent property owners, head should be dark while on the or agents. counterfeit it is light. On the reverse side of the bill the color is a bluish necessary on account of the lax mangreen instead of the usual green. The bill shown was secured from Mrs. cora W. Mixon of 129 Northam aveconsidering the warnings of the po-

U. M. C. BUSY WITH

Rumors to the effect that the Union Metallic Cartridge Company of this city had received orders from Mexico for 300,000,000 rounds of ammunition. which would compel the running of

sed by Nathan Schwarz, a dealer leather findings. This property as purchased from Dever H. Warner ho owns from there to the corner of

I can easily explain to you why. In of sidewalk at Washington avenue the first place three hundred million and Washington Terrace, about the rounds of ammunition is an order condition of which complaints were much larger than ever placed. There received in numbers last winter when-has been one instance during the civil ever there was a snowfall. He said war but that took the manufacturing that there have also been complaints company over a year to turn out. Neither the Mexican government nor the insurgents have, I believe, sufficient backing to warrant such large sible. orders. I think if the contemplated placing of an order for 100,000 rounds

orders are to be exported. We have as a rule large reserve stocks of ammunition. In 1911 we over manufactive in a lumbering coal barge and first in a lumbering coal barge and first in a lumbering coal barge and

It is the general belief in New Fork city that the U. M. C. has been successful in securing large contracts for by a crew from the Orient Point Life supplying the Mexican Federals, al- Saving Station late Saturday. though the export department are naturally reticent in publishing government facts.

READ "SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE" IN FARMER TUESDAY

matic and literary sensation of the year, will be published in serial form in The Farmer, beginning tomorrow. "Seven Keys to Baldpate," is en-tirely different from anything you which they are doing business and tirely different from anything you thid on the site from the present have ever read. It thrills you through and through. It is melodrama withto the Robertson property on State out being melodrama, and ultra-sen-reet, a handsome business and office sational and at the same time abso-

or to enter the arrangement with can be true. But Earl Derr Biggers, court today in which he spoke of a other property owners to build the author, has approached his theme from an angle entirely new.

ance, and thrills that the century "Seven Keys to Baldpate" tomorrow.

SIDEWALKS AND CHARGE OWNERS

Likely Under Scheme of City Officials.

HUNDREDS OF NAMES REPORTED TO POLICE

Director Courtade's Men Will Clear Walks at Owners' Expense.

Employment for many of the idi will be provided through the city's leaning the sidewalks where own-

uine "fiver" is found on the seal in scribed into a typewritten list. This the right hand corner. In this seal is afternoon it will be forwarded to Dirackey, but instead of the customary ector of Public Works Jacob A. Courtade for his guidance. arrangement with the police depart-ment gangs of city-employed snow

nue, Easton, Pa.

Agent Schroder said that many of have been instructed to have their the bills have been found in banks, being used as genuine and accepted as their reports, after one warning, will be turned in at police headquarters and thence to Director Courtage. Any

ers that there is no excuse for there being uncleaned walks today on account of yesterday being Sunday with people having plenty of time to clean the walks. He says that many of

Manager Frank O. Hoagland that the factory would work some of its departments into the night, but that complete new shifts would not be put on at this time.

To a reporter for The Farmer he said: "I think the rumors which have arisen in New York are erroneous and I can apply available to you why. In When going home to dinner yester-

MOTHER LEARNS OF

tured and last year we were more con-servative. We find ourselves today in a position where some of our lines are almost depleted and in order to maintain the proper quota on hand are compelled to work some of the departments overtime. We shall at first probably only work them until 9 lost when that craft with three others. Later when interest in the "Ghost how" paled, Charlie Mott, a former, rominent Bridgeporter, now deceased, o'clock. I do not think at this time to broke from the tow of the steam we will enlarge our force to any extent."

Blizabeth" and were given up to lost when that craft with three others broke from the tow of the steam two Pliny Fiske off New London hartent."

Eleven persons, among them four women and two children, were rescued Mrs. Shellhorn is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Bahan and the couple maintained the home at 67 Elm street. Mrs. Bahan is 80 years old. Her grandson, James Bahan, /also makes his home

Mrs. Bahan said today: "Capt. Shellhorn is a good man and has been in the McCaffrey line for 20 years. I knew when I was told that he was adrift at sea with my daughter that if there was any chance to save her he would take it and save himself. Although I worried much I felt he would get through somehow and "Seven Keys to Baldpate," the dra- take her with him. I think my daugh-

REORGANIZATION OF E. H. H. SMITH SILVER CO. IS UNDER WAY

This solution will probably When the new home of the Firstiridgeport National bank is finished will hold your interest keyed to the larger credhighest point—if you would enjoy one of the handsomest buildings in the state.

If you want to read something that reached by the aid of the larger credlitors. Since the receiver was appointed several months ago, the business has been carried on as usual. At a hearing this morning Judge -don't fail to begin Curtis allowed several claims against the company. Those ordered paid were Fletcher Engineering Co. of this The Insular Bureau reports that city \$885.33 Riverside Metal Co. \$3,-\$20,983,946 has been collected in Do-minican customs in the last six years. insurance premium of \$265.54.

CITY WILL CLEAR MEMBERS OF ST. DEMENTED GIRL JOHN'S DIFFER

Work for Many Unemployed Is Spirited Meeting of Legal Members Held This Afternoon to Take Action.

> REV. S. F. SHERMAN CHOICE OF VESTRY

Church Membership Said to Have Strong Leaning Towards Present Assistant.

A lively difference of opinion as to of St. John's Episcopal church, developed this afternoon when a special meeting of the church, for the legal members only was held to take action on the report of the vestry's pulpit

The choice of the vestry is Rev. Stephen F. Sherman, Canon of the Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, N. Y. While the dissenters from this choice have not mulated any specified candidacy, it generally understood that among e members of the church—members in the sense that they are communi-cants—there is a strong leaning towards Rev. Frank E. Bigelow, the assistant rector, who has been acting in the pulpit since the death of Dr.

The meeting this afternoon was attended by about 75. It was called to act on the report of the vestry pulpit committee in relation to securing a new rector It was predicted, when the meeting was called, that the choice of Rev. Mr Sherman would be ratified, for the vestry committee felt confident of having sufficient votes to have his candidacy endorsed.

The call was issued by Fred Atwater, clerk of the St. John's Episcopal sobers. E. H. Harral is senior war-den, and Jonathan Godfrey, the junior warden. Other members of the board are Fred C. Nichols, menry Atwater, Tracy B. Warren, Charles Ferry, Chas. M. Cole, Hamilton S. Shelton, D. Fairspute between owners, agents or tentis as to who is responsible for the
tiks can be fought out among themlives, the city only requiring that the
ork be done or paid for at current
tes.

Superintendent Birmingham considtes, that there is no excuse for there

The sub-committee of the vestry, acting on the call to the vacant pulpit, secured the names of 50 clergy-men whom they considered eligible. the complaints are concerning the property owned by prominent citizens, well able to pay for the work being done provided they do not care to do it man's name were especially strong, in-cluding those of the bishops of Col-furs and automobiles and I am starv-

vote. They cannot be admitted to tected." of the vestry, the first Monday after Easter, April 13. To be admitted, a person must be 21, not a member of

afternoon it was expected that repre- rel. When he heard th ewords

He said the legal membership of the society is only 27, out of 900 communicants in the church body, and he felt said in a slow, expressionless monoa number of the members would like tone to speak in opposition to Rev. Mr. For

Sherman, if they felt they had the curbstone the reporter called to Traf-right to do so. fic Policeman Al. Goulden, who was member, was given permission to of trolleys and wagons which were at

vestry for not having called others in tensely held arm. order to give the congregation a chance to pass on more clergymen. Personally, he said he preferred an older man, ones of more experience, "one who has found himself and is a mick girl said that she lived in Westreal rector, and not a man who could be guided by anyone else but whose life had been lived in a Christian manner and not in any other may, and one Westport politician, John McCormick, who would be able to lead other rec- and that she had once been in the

Mr. Godfrey at once questioned ago. Foote's attitude. He asked if he had pald \$2.50 for the gun early this meant to criticize Rev. Mr. Sherman. morning at Smith's sporting goods Mr. Foote at once replied that he store. Asked if she did not first had no criticism to make of Mr. Sher- mean to commit suicide she said:

enting voice.

PERSONAL MENTION.

IN BUSY STREET

Demands Money Under Pain of Death as Farmer Man Intercepts Her.

SAYS SHE WOULD KILL TO GET FUNDS

Presses Pistol Against Bosom of Her Intended

A most sensational hold-up within the choice of a successor to the late sight of many pedestrians and in the Rev. William H. Lewis, D.D., rector heart of the business section occurred a few minutes after 11 o'clock this forenoon when Miss Ethel Francis, living at 1543 Seaview avenue, and stenographer at the U. M. C. work was ordered at the point of a large revolver to deliver over what money Cormack, a well known Westport resi dent temporarily crazed by hunger.
Three times was the bewildered girl ordered to give the insane woman money. Just as the desperate woman said she was on the point of pulling the trigger, a reporter for the Farmer forced the gun away from its aim and although unable to disarm her alone was assisted by Officer Al. Goulden whose attention was attract-

ed by cries of the onlookers.

Taken to police headquarters Miss
Francis was unaware of the close proximity to death which officers and the crazed woman testified she had so narrowly escaped. Miss McCormick was examined and pronounced prob-ably demented, and taken to Lakeview home for close observation and fur

MISS FRANCIS STORY. It was about six minutes past 11 clock when Miss Francis, walking south on Main street in pursuit some business upon which she had been sent, reached the entrance to Meigs & Co.'s store at Fairfield avenue and Main street. To the police she later said: "I had reached the corner when this woman dresped in a white and red knit cap and faded green dress stepped from the line of people waiting for cars. She stepbe up close to me and said, 'I want

"I said, 'I have none." She replied:
"Yes you have, for you are dressed in furs and I am not." "I did not notice that she held a gun in her hand until then, when it was pressed close to my breast and she repeated: 'Others have money and

ing. I want your money."
"There were many people standing Prior to his call to Alnotice that I was in danger. I do Dr. Joseph Harper of New York, Mr. York today. Fred expected to laws. bany he filled a pulpit at St. Louis, for five years, and for two years before that time he was in Rochester.

In otice that I was in danger. I do Dr. Joseph Harper of New York, Mr. Balley and the McCoodom brothers there tonight for Denver, the band were once associated in the show quarters of the Salle-Flotow show. The business but later parted company and show opens at Alberqueque, N. M., on

REPORTER TO RESCUE.

Easter, April 13. To be admitted, a person must be 21, not a member of any other ecclesiastical society, and must declare his attachment for the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United The communicants, of which there volver which was pressed close to Miss are about 900, are represented by only a small percentage in the legal mema small percentage in the legal mem-bership of the church society. When the meeting was called to order this was arguing over some lover's quarsentatives of the church society, would seek to have the matter of a rectorship postponed until the members of the church could secure legal admission into membership after the two women as their positions. would permit he firmly pressed the gun When Clerk Atwater called the towards the gutter and away from meeting to order, H. J. Edwards, a communicant of the church but not a said: "What is the matter?" The legal member of the society, obtained permission to speak. She has it and I have not."

Forcing the girl to the edge of th Clarence Foote, also not a legal busily engaged in disentangling a line He said he didn't believe that tempting to pass east and west at the the church vestry was a unit in favor of Rev. Mr. Sherman, but this statement the clerk at once corrected.

Mr. Foote said he didn't believe that rushed to the spot and grasping the Rev. Mr. Sherman appealed to the gun wrenched it from her hand while body of the church. He criticized the the reporter held her reluctant and

IS WESTPORT GIRL tors in Bridgeport, most of whom are Westport sanitarium for some weeks This she said was about two years man, personally, but spoke merely in I wanted money and I would have general terms. killed the girl to get it. I meant to

To Drs. Curley and Finnegan of the

MRS. HUTCHINSON

Sealed Verdict Of Jury Upholds The Contention Of Bridgeport Woman That Sister Was Incompetent

HER SHARE OF ESTATE ABOUT \$400,000

Under Will As Originally Drafted Mrs Hutchinson Would Have Received Annuity Of \$10,000--Case Tried In White Plains--Successful Litigant Is Mother Of Charles R. and Fred B. Hutchinson

Anne Isabelle Hutchinson, of Bridgepert, Conn., today won her suit to set aside the will of her sister, the late Mrs. Ruth Louisa Bailey, widow of James A. Balley, long associated with James A. Balley, long associated with P. T. Barnum in the circus business. ome of \$10,000 a year but by setting t aside she will receive about \$400,-\$4,000,000.

The verdict opened today was handed in sealed last Friday by a jury in Balley and that she was envetcally and mentally incompetent to make a will

Vernon, March 11, 1912. In her will Mrs. Bailey left the bulk of the \$4,000,000 left her by her hus-band to her brothers, Joseph T. and Theodore McCoodom and her sister, ter, Alberts, fifteen years old.

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 16-Mrs. | the part of Mr. McCoodom that he had no more business dealings with him until the time of his death. Charlie R. Hutchinson, treasurer on Earth and one of the best knows circusmen in the world. Her other son is Fred B. Hutchinson, at present manager of the Sells-Flotow show, almany years manager of the Bullale Bill Wild West Show,

inson's income from the estate would have cessed at her decth. Under the sealed verdict her flescendants with share in the estate. Charles R. Hufeb. inson has four children, Anna Louis-Charles, Fred and Mary. Under Mrs. Bailey's will. Anna Louise received a small bequest from an account in savings bank.
Fred R. Hutchinson has one daugh-

He is 39, married, and has two sons. He was educated in this country and in German Universities.

The vestry is practically solid for Mr. Sherman, while in the congregation are many who are not eligible to vote. They cannot be admitted to

Connecticut Savings Banks Will Oppose Feature Of The Interlocking Directorate Bill

Representative Donovan Secures Assignment Of Hearing To Connecticut Bankers, For Feb. 20 === Bridgeport Banks Are Interested As Members Of Association

(Special to The Farmer.)

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Mutual be heard. Savings banks of Connecticut are uniformly hostile to the provision of the bill prohibiting interlocking directorstes, by which directors of mutual savings banks would be prevented from also serving as directors of na-tional banks or of state banks which have membership in the proposed na-tional reserve banks.

van the judiciary committee of the torates of the character and after the House has assigned Feb. 20 as the fashion proposed in connection with date upon which the representatives mutual savings banks."

to honor Burr & Knapp's claim. The suit is returnable to the superior

C. BARNUM SEELEY INVOLVES TRUST

The \$1,000,000 trust fund which the late P. T. Barnum deposited with the Connecticut Trust & Safe Co., of Hart-Mr. Atwater, indignant, said, if such statements as Mr. Foote's were to be made, he would not care to serve longer in the vestry.

The motion to endorse the call of Mr. Sherman then passed, without a dissenting voice.

Killed the girl to get it. I meant to kill her though I never saw her in the though I never saw her in the passed, if the though I never saw her in the passed in the passed in the passed in the passed, without a dissenting voice.

Killed the girl to get it. I meant to connecticut Trust & Safe Co., of Hartford in the passed in the passed in the passed it. I meant to ford has been tied up as a result of an action brought against Clinton bearing the passed in the pass emergency staff who examined her as the showman in order to provide an to her sanity she said: "I told my annuity for his widow and the will ren street, connected with the medical what I have done, but I evaded her staff of the Charities Department, is and came to this city. First I went confined to his home with an attack to the town clerk's office and asked of quinsy sore throat. During his ill- for money. They refused to give it he has already made assignments in The

Secretary Frank Hubbard, of the People's Savings Bank of this city, said, this afternoon, "Our bank has no interest in this matter except as a member of the association of savings banks of the state, which will be represented before the judiciary commit-tee, when the bill comes up for hear onal reserve banks.

Through the efforts of Rep. Dono- be unwise to forbid interlocking direc-

> court. March term. CO. IN LAWSUIT DECEMBER DEATH

RATE IS LARGE

Hartford, Feb. 16-By mortality reports received, there were 1,655 deaths during the month of January. say was assigned to them by Seeley.

The trust fund was deposited by the showman in order to provide an the showman in order to provide an number of deaths for January for the number of deaths for January for the proceeding. mother this morning that I wanted provided that after the annuity had five years preceding. The death rate provided that after the annuity had five years preceding. The death rate provided that after the annuity had five years preceding. The death rate was 16.4 for the large towns, for the small towns 15.6, for the whole state

The Bureau of Universal Statistics ness Dr. William H. Curiey is looking to me. I went then to the postmaster excess of his legacy. For that real at Antwerp reports the delit of the after Dr. Scrimgeour's territory. (Continued on Page Two) son the trust company has refused nations of the world was \$42,000,000